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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed August 18, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on October 23, 2003, and December 16, 2004.

Claims 1-8 and 12-27 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1-8 are independent. The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 2, 4-8, 13, 15-19, 21 and 23-27 and the indication of the allowability of claims 12, 14, 20 and 22 (page 3, Paper No. 08162005). For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The Official Action rejects claims 1 and 3 as obvious based on U.S. Patent No. 5,300,454 to Taft et al. The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection because the Official Action has not made a *prima facie* case of obviousness.